Delhi. Information in respect of State of Haryana is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Ooordarshan Kendra, Delhi telecasts 'Punjabi Darpan' programme 30 minutes once in a week on regional basis and Programme Generation Facility (PGF), Hissar (Haryana) telecasts a 10 minutes Punjabi programme once in a week. AIR also broadcasts programmes in Punjabi language from AIR, Kurukshetra (Haryana) for 30 minutes and from AIR, Delhi 60 minutes daily.

(c) Doordarshan does not telecast news in Punjabi language from Stations located in these States and Delhi. However, AIR broadcasts three daily bulletins in Punjabi language from AIR, Delhi and one bulletin in its External Services. There is no Punjabi news bulletin from AIR stations in Haryana. However, two news bulletins in Punjabi are broadcast from AIR, Chandigarh. Broadcasts from AIR's 300 KW Medium Wave transmitter at Jallandhar can be heard in some parts of Haryana as well.

(d) DDK, Delhi telecasts the 'Punjabi Kavi Darbar' held on the occasion of the Independence Day and Republic Day. AIR, Delhi arranges special programmes in the form of direct relays from various Gurudwaras on important Gurupurabs.

Reporting in media

2745. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of substantive reporting and in-depth analysis in the media had deteriorated; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Press in India, and the quality of its output is free from Government control. The Press Council of India (PCI) is a statutory authority established for preserving the freedom of Press and for maintaining and improving the standards of newspapers and news agencies in India. PCI has set Norms for Journalistic Ethics. Norms laid down by PCI state that Editors must

check the authenticity of each story and comments/versions of all concerned parties must be included. The PCI may warn, admonish or censure the Newspapers, the News Agency, the Editor, or the Journalist or disapprove the conduct of the Editor or the Journalist as the case may be, for offending the standards of Journalistic Ethics or public taste or for Professional misconduct.

The Prasar Bharati Charter and the Parthasarathy Guidelines are being strictly followed by Doordarshan and All India Radio to carry fair and objective news. The reporting of news in Doordarshan and All India Radio is factual, accurate and objective. Prasar Bharati has Programme and Advertising Codes which, *inter-alia,* prohibit telecast/ broadcast of any programme or advertisements, which contains anything obscene and vulgar. Doordarshan and All India Radio abide by the codes while telecasting/broadcasting their Programmes.

All the programmes including News transmitted/retransmitted by all TV channels through network should strictly adhere to the Programme Code and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder.

DD Kendra, Goa

2746. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a full-fledged Doordarshan Kendra at Panaji, Gba;

(b) if so, the details as regards commencement and completion of the work; and

(c) whether Government also propose to give status of 'Regional Centre' to the present Programme Generating Facility Centre, pending the completion of construction of a full-fledged Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that a Studio along with associated facilities at Panaji has been sanctioned recently. The project is expected to be completed in three years.

(c) The proposal is under examination.